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- (n) periodically determining whether the network devices are currently licensed;
 - (o) submitting network activity queries to the central database for retrieving information on activity of the network;
 - (p) outputting a network activity report based on the network activity queries;
 - (q) submitting resource consumption queries to the central database for retrieving information on resource consumption in the network;
 - (r) outputting a resource consumption report based on the resource consumption queries; and
 - (s) generating an alert upon the occurrence of an event utilizing the information source modules.

47. A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the alert is generated upon a value surpassing a predetermined amount.

48. A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the alert indicates that services should be ceased.

49. A method as recited in claim 46, wherein the alert indicates that services should be provided.

REMARKS

The claims of the present application have been amended to include subject matter clearly disclosed in the originally filed specification. No new matter has been added.

In the event a telephone conversation would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner may reach the undersigned at (408) 505-5100. For payment of the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. XACTP014A). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

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